

PEERS ARRAIGN MINISTRY FOR WAR MISTAKES

FEARS REVOLUTION IF WAR LASTS LONG

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
LONDON, Nov. 8.—In the House of Lords to-day the anti-Government Peers renewed their attacks on the conduct

of the war. Lord Loreburn referred to Admiral Cradock's defeat, to the Antwerp expedition, the Dardanelles campaign and the shell shortage, as matters which are not the ordinary inevi-

It is due the soldiers, he said, to focus responsibility in such things. There is

an uneasy suspicion here now, he added, that expert supervision has been lacking. He condemned the idea of a small Cabinet reporting to a full Cabinet. He asserted that such a scheme insured maximum delay with minimum ef-

In reviewing the ravages of the war, Lord Loreburn declared that it had been

reliably computed that 15,000,000 men have already been either killed or permanently disabled, and that many thousands of millions of war debt have been piled up. Before the war is over, no added, Europe will be little better than

In rather obscure reference to the continuance of the war, Lord Loreburn said that any one who did not grasp

any opportunity to prevent what would be the most frightful calamity ever befallen the human race would be strangely constructed.

Milner Attacks Censorship.

Lord Milner attacked the censorship.

saying: "What is the use in dealing with German aerograms and lies which went all over the world notwithstanding deletion?" He instanced the story of the British sailors murdering the crew of a sunken German submarine, which was corroborated by England but not

was suppressed in England but was spread broadcast over the world, with the result that foreigners regarded silence in England as an admission of guilt. This sort of thing, he said, was only a part of the general policy of distorting the news.

This is only part of the general policy of distorting the news, said the speaker. He said that the war news printed in England in constantly "doctored" in an optimistic direction for the English. Officers from the front, he explained, had often told him that the German reports of engagements were often more trustworthy than the British.

declaring that when the Greek crisis came, it found the British people completely paralyzed. Until General Joffre came to London, he said, there was not only weakness but something like breach of faith. They told Serbia that she should not be the prey to sinister and nefarious schemes but she is a prey to them.

Sees Civilization Destroyed.

Baron Courtney, who is a pacifist, pictured the situation lugubriously. The prophecy that Armageddon would destroy European civilization is almost fulfilled, he said. The war, which is now something like a deadlock, is operating to take away the guarantees of liberty. "Is there no possible escape from this

Lord Curzon, in behalf of the Government, said that after examining the documents relating to the cases cited by Lord Lochburn, he was of the opinion that many reputations, including those of Mr. Asquith and Sir Edward Grey,

He had been most unfairly assailed. He repudiated imputations that the Government was mystifying the public. While defending the censorship, however, he admitted that it was an arguable point whether the military aspect was the only one to be considered regarding the news.

The Government, he added, had sent a communication to military leaders at the front to see if it could not produce

As for the *Globe*, the newspaper which was confiscated by the authorities Saturday, Lord Curzon declared that it not only made false statements but assigned thereto false and malicious reasons. The *Globe*, he said, chose a moment in a crisis in international affairs when the

Then, continued Lord Curzon, after having presented a false statement, it is

Having invented a false statement, it repeated it after it had been officially denied and then declared that the denial was untrue. In these circumstances the Government authorized the action under the defence of the realm act. The *Globe* was duly warned, but persisted in publishing false statements.

Regarding censoring German aerograms, he said the enemy had attempted to circulate poisonous and malignant statements. An instance of this, he said, was the wholly false and malevolent

"Why should the English press become agents advertising German calumnies and lies?" asked Lord Curzon. Referring to Sir Stanley Buckmaster's hint last week of checking the criticisms of Ministers, he said that the original article had not been checked at all.